

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claim Objections/Rejections

The present application includes pending claims 1–33, of which claims 1-4, 6, 7, 9-14, 16, 17, 19-24, 26, 27, 29 and 30 stand rejected. Claims 8, 18 and 28 stand objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. See Office Action, page 10. Claims 5, 15 and 25 stand rejected in the Office Action but stand objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims pursuant the Examiner Interview. See Examiner Interview, page 2.

Claims 1, 2, 5, 8, 11, 12, 15, 18, 21, 22, 25 and 28 have been cancelled. Cancelled claims 8, 18 and 28 have been rewritten in independent form as specified in the Office Action and are presented in the independent claims 31-33, respectively. Independent claim 32 has been amended, as set forth above, to further clarify the language used in the claim and to further prosecution of the present application. Cancelled claims 5, 15 and 25 have been rewritten in independent form as specified in the Examiner Interview and are presented in the new independent claims 40, 48 and 56, respectively. Intervening claims 2, 12 and 22 have also been cancelled and the limitations from these cancelled claims have been incorporated in the new independent claims 40, 48 and 56, respectively. Rejected independent claims 1, 11 and 21 have also been cancelled and the limitations from these cancelled claims have been incorporated in the independent claims 31-33, 40, 48 and 56, respectively. Dependent claims 3, 4, 6, 7, 9, 10, 13, 14, 16, 17, 19, 20, 23, 24, 26, 27, 29 and 30 have been amended, as set forth above, to further clarify the language used in these claims and to further prosecution of the present application (e.g., to make them dependent on an

allowable claim). The Applicant has also added new dependent claims 34-39 (each of which depend from one of allowable claims 31-33), as well as new dependent claims 41-47, 49-55 and 57-63 (which depend, respectively, from allowable claims 40, 48 and 56). The Applicant respectfully submits that the claims define patentable subject matter.

CONCLUSION

Based on at least the foregoing, Applicant believes that all claims 3, 4, 6, 7, 9, 10, 13, 14, 16, 17, 19, 20, 23, 24, 26, 27, 29-63 are in condition for allowance. If the Examiner disagrees, Applicant respectfully requests a phone interview, and requests that the Examiner telephone the undersigned at 312-775-8000.

Applicant respectfully reserves the right to argue additional reasons that support the allowability of claims 3, 4, 6, 7, 9, 10, 13, 14, 16, 17, 19, 20, 23, 24, 26, 27, 29-63 should that need arise in the future.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to the deposit account of McAndrews, Held & Malloy, Ltd., Account No. 13-0017.

A Notice of Allowability is courteously requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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